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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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FOR: MAGNETORESISTANCE EFFECT :  
ELEMENT, MAGNETIC HEAD,  
MAGNETIC HEAD ASSEMBLY,  
MAGNETIC STORAGE SYSTEM

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.

